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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"That is so."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—"May I know, Sir, what were the reasons that induced the Chief Minister not to accept the suggestion to nominate the previous President?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Because the Government thought it necessary to have a Muhammadan District Board President."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—"May I know, Sir, why Malabar alone of all districts, though it is one of the most advanced districts in the Presidency, should suffer the penalty of having a nominated President?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Malabar is a district where a large part of the population belongs to the Mussalman community."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know if it is the policy of the Government to reserve certain District Board Presidentships for nomination of Mussalmans?"

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—"May I know if many Muhammadans in Malabar and one Muhammadan Member of this Council particularly did not ask the Chief Minister to throw it open to election?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"But there are other Mussalmans in Malabar who did not want it."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"May I ask the hon. Chief Minister whether he is satisfied that the particular Muhammadan gentleman had no chance of coming through election?"

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. Chief Minister whether he has made it a policy of his administration to attach no value to public meetings, in view of the answer he gave?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The value that is necessary will be attached."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Elections to the temple committees in North Arcot district.

*39 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to his answer to question No. 1868 answered on 25th March 1929 regarding elections to the Temple Committee, North Arcot district—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued instructions to the temple committees to arrange for the preparation of voters' list so that elections may be held before the expiry of their term of office;

(*b*) whether such instructions were issued to the North Arcot Temple Committee;

(*c*) when the term of office of the present committee expires;

(*d*) whether Government have enquired as to whether the preliminaries for election have been prepared by the present committee; and

(*e*) if not, whether the Government will now enquire and arrange for elections?

A.—(*a*) This is done by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

(*b*) Yes, by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

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(*d*) & (*e*) The electoral roll of the area which was within the jurisdiction of the old Tiruvettipuram Temple Committee is ready, but the preparation of the roll for the remaining portion of the area was delayed for want of funds. The Hindu Religious Endowments Board, however, reported recently that the Committee would in any case be unable to bear the cost of an election and it has accordingly been decided to nominate members to the Committee for another year.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Will the hon. the Chief Minister consider the possibility of abolishing these committees instead of depriving the people of their statutory right of electing these committees ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if it is the policy of Government in every case in which the committee says it cannot bear the cost of an election, to postpone the election and go on nominating ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The whole question is under consideration."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know for how many years this postponement of elections can take place, in view of the Chief Minister's answer ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot say."

Appointment of the Commissioners of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 40 *Q*.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the date of appointment of each of the five Commissioners of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ;

(*b*) the date on which the appointment of each of the Commissioners terminates ; and

(*c*) whether any complaints have been received against any of these Commissioners ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The dates of appointment of the Commissioners and the dates on which their appointments terminate are—

Name of Commissioner.	Date of appointment.	Date on which the appointment terminates.
M.R.Ry. Surya Rao Garu	7th April 1925.	7th April 1930.
" E. S. Chidambaram Pillai Avargal.	7th April 1925.	7th April 1930.
" Rao Bahadur M. Chengayya Pantulu Garu.	7th April 1925.	7th April 1930.
" P. V. Nataraja Mudaliyar Avargal.	7th April 1925.	7th April 1930.
" Diwan Bahadur C. V. Ranga Reddi Garu.	30th April 1928.	30th April 1933.

(*c*) No.